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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO AKUFFO

REF: ACCRA 5642

1. FYI: THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE EMBASSY OF GHANA THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM LT. GENERAL F.W.K. AKUFFO, HEAD OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL. QUOTE: ON THE HAPPY OCCASION OF THE 202ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO CONVEY, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GHANA, AND IN MY OWN NAME, HEARTY CONGRATULA-
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TIONS AND EVERY GOOD WISH TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY. IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT THE COMING YEARS WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
UNQUOTE. END FYI.

2. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, TAKING

INTO ACCOUNT SUGGESTION MADE REFTTEL, SHOULD BE DELIVERED
TO HEAD OF STATE AKUFFO: BEGIN MESSAGE: DEAR GENERAL
AKUFFO: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WISH TO
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE AS WE CELEBRATE THE

ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE
YOUR THOUGHTFUL EXPRESSION OF GOOD WISHES.

LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY MY BEST WISHES,
AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR
SWEARING IN AS THE HEAD OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE
SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL OF GHANA. I AM PARTICULARLY
GRATIFIED BY THE PROMPT RELEASE OF PERSONS DETAINED
FOLLOWING THE NATIONAL REFERENDUM IN MARCH AND BY THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR INTENTION TO MOVE ON SCHEDULE TOWARD
THE RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN GHANA.
I AM CERTAIN THAT THESE ACTIONS WILL AID THE PROCESS OF
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN GHANA. SINCERELY, JIMMY
CARTER. END MESSAGE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO GHANAIS DOING SO.

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